

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

200 W. Washington, Suite 301
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 233-0696
<http://www.in.gov/legislative>

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7585

BILL NUMBER: HB 1788

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Continuing Education for Police Chiefs and Town Marshals.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ruppel

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: After December 31, 2008, the bill requires a police chief or town marshal to fulfill continuing education requirements. It requires the Law Enforcement Training Board to adopt rules creating minimum standards for continuing education programs.

It requires the board to notify (1) the police chief or town marshal; and (2) the town or city that employs the police chief or town marshal; of compliance or noncompliance with the continuing education requirements.

The bill provides that fees from the local law enforcement continuing education fund may be used to pay the course fees for a police chief or town marshal who attends a continuing education course.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill provides that the Law Enforcement Training Board must adopt rules. The Board must annually notify the police chief or town marshal of the continuing education courses that the chief or marshal has attended for the calendar year that count toward the continuing education requirement. The Board must notify the police chief or town marshal of progress in complying with the 2-year continuing education requirement. The Board must also notify the town or city that employs the chief or marshal if requirements have not been fulfilled.

Currently, police officers are required to take 16 hours of training. Each city police department or town sends an annual report to the state Training Board. The annual report contains the number of hours that each officer has earned. The Board verifies the training. If the officer has not completed necessary training, the Board notifies the prosecuting attorney that the officer has not met in-service requirements.

In the proposal, the police chief and town marshal can take additional hours that are specific to executives, such as the chief and marshal. The state board must notify the local units of training, notify the locals of hours earned, and notify the locals if the new requirement has not been met.

These provisions will increase administrative expenses for the Board. The impact will depend on how the Board elects to implement the provisions. There are 118 cities and 451 towns in Indiana for a total of 569. If the Board uses the postal service and mails one mailing at \$0.39 a piece and prints two pages at \$0.14, costs for one printing and postage would equal a little over \$300 per mailing ($569 * \0.39) + ($569 * \$0.14$). If the Board notifies local units through electronic means, costs could be significantly reduced. There would also be administrative costs associated with composing the notifications and recording the hours earned. The Board, however, would not be required to provide the training.

The Board should be able to adopt rules establishing standards for training given its existing level of resources and budget.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: After December 31, 2008, a police chief or town marshal must attend at least 4 hours of continuing education courses in any calendar year, for a total of at least 10 hours for a 2-year period. Fees from the local law enforcement continuing education fund may be used to pay the course fee for a police chief or town marshal to attend a continuing education course.

The above provisions will increase expenditures for the city or town. However, it is anticipated that the city or town will be able to cover any additional expenses incurred as a result of the requirements.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Training Board.

Local Agencies Affected: Cities and towns.

Information Sources: Indiana Association of Cities and Towns; Rusty Goodpaster, Law Enforcement Training Academy, 317.839.5191.

Fiscal Analyst: Bernadette Bartlett, 317-232-9586.